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Transmitted herewith is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2003; a Declaration of John E. Taylor under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; a Petition for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (2 copies); a Fee Transmittal for FY 2004 [PTO/SB/17] (2 copies); each of the foregoing with a Certificate of Mailing noted thereon, and an acknowledgement postcard.

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